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NEW DIRECTOR FOR MSC

EMMONS WILL ASSUME MATANUSKA-SUSITNA COLLEGE POST

UAA Chancellor, Lee Gorsuch announced today that Dr. Joseph W. Emmons has accepted the position of College Director at Mat-Su College. Emmons will replace Dr. Glenn Massay, who has been at the college since 1980, and announced his plans to retire last spring.

Emmons has a strong background in community colleges and holds a Doctor of Education in Higher Education Administration. He was a faculty member at Colby College Kansas for 10 years prior to joining the Kansas State Board of Education. Emmons is currently serving as State Director for Community Colleges in Topeka, Kansas.

Outgoing Director Massay stated that Emmons is an "excellent choice." His selection involved evaluating 70 applicants and narrowing the field to four finalists. He was strongly supported by the faculty, staff and students. Emmons was accompanied by his wife and two of his children to Alaska when interviewed for the position. Emmons will assume the position in late October, and the family will join him in December.

New Director Excited

by Shelia Keyser

"Boy am I excited!" Those were Dr. Emmons' words when asked how he felt about coming to MSC.

In a telephone interview Friday the 29th, he expressed he "is looking forward to dealing with students at Mat-Su because they do care and are involved in their campus."

He and his family were very pleased with the whole area and are excited about moving to the valley.

"In my tenure at the Kansas State level the thing I missed most was

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Alaska State Student Loan Program in Jeopardy

By Kathleen Murphy

The Alaska State Student Loan Fund is running out of money and if it doesn't stop, the state of Alaska will have to start refusing loans to students.

According to Board of Regent Eric Forrer, the fund is losing $4 million each year. In 1994 the Alaska Student Loan Program's (ASLP) cumulative default rate was just under 20 percent. MSC's default rate was 32 percent.

"The problem for students is there's no jobs out there," said UAA journalism major Heather Midyett. "If they can't get a job, how are they going to pay back their loan?"

Currently, everyone who meets the qualifications for a state student loan receives one, but if the funding process continues in its present direction this will end.

Some students have not taken their obligation seriously and didn't repay their loan, said Rep. Johnny Ellis, D-Anchorage, board member of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE).

This is how the bonds work: The state of Alaska contacts a brokerage firm to sell bonds for the state. The money that the state receives from the sale of the bonds is loaned to students through the ASLP. The state collects interest on the loans from the students, and also pays interest to the purchasers of the bonds. The state must charge the students a higher interest rate than they pay the bond purchasers, and the students must pay back their loans otherwise the program will go bankrupt. The state redeems the bonds from the purchasers when they mature, which is usually after 20 years.

The brokers closely watched the ASLP to make sure the program had the money to redeem the bonds. The ASLP was not collecting money back from students and the brokers began to get nervous in 1993. They were afraid the state would not have the money to redeem the bonds when they matured. They told the state that the

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From the Editor...

Medicaid. Welfare. Assistance. Lazy. Stupid. Bums. Synonymous? I don't think so. Everywhere you look in the news it's there. Welfare Reform. Too much money spent on welfare. These people need to get off welfare. No one ever takes into account who these people are, why they're on assistance, and what they're doing to better themselves. Or the humility and discrimination they must live with day to day. Example: I am on Medicaid and I recently had a doctor appointment. The bill was $75, my co-pay amount was $3. I took out my checkbook, but was "politely" told by the receptionist that they do not accept checks. I found this hard to believe so I asked, "not at all?" To which she replied, "well, not for medicaid patients." I was humiliated and angry that these people felt that just because I was receiving help my check was no good. If I had not had the help of Medicaid I would have been writing this woman a $75 check, which I can assure you would have bounced, but she would have accepted that. Yet my $3 check was no good. This is just one of the many incidents that people such as myself must endure just to survive, to provide for our kids, to better ourselves. Out of most of the people I know or have met in the last five years who have been on assistance, probably 90 percent have been victims of bad marriages and divorce, forcing them to use assistance to get on their feet again. We are not bums, we are not stupid, we don't deserve to be treated like crap. Yes, the government is in debt. Yes, something needs to be done. Yes, the people who abuse the system need to be dealt with. But the rest of us, the ones who are truly striving to do our best, should not be punished, or treated like less than human because of it.

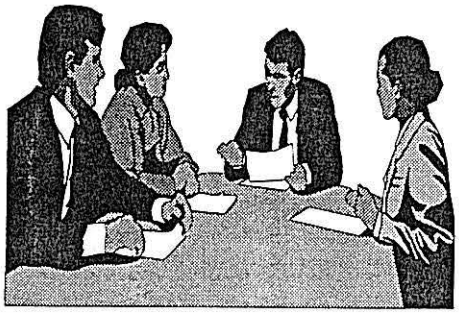
...Amy Menerey

Letters to the editor are welcome! What's Your Opinion?

Student Government

The next student government meeting will be held on October 13th at 4:30 in room 108. There are senator seats available at this time. Committees are making preparations for the annual Christmas Ball, as well as other activites. Please come and get involved. Find out how **your** student fees are spent, and make your voice heard.

Contact Michelle at 745-9759 for further infomation or questions you may have.



SKATE to Normality

by *Dave Huycke*

Over the summer, I participated in a week-long student leadership conference held in Anchorage. While others may have been fishing, camping, or playing softball, I found myself attending workshops of various and colorful subject matter. I felt the discussions were so informative that I even took notes. I would like to pass along to you some of the pertinent information. I feel that the workshop, "When Hell Freezes Over...Ice Skate" by Patti Schwab, Ph.D., is an excellent starting point.

Following is a summarization. Now that this college semester has started, the children are back in school, the garden has been harvested, and the golf clubs are placed in storage, things will get back to normal. Right? Yet, no matter how hard we try, "getting back to normal" is a rare occurrence. So HOW do we overcome changes in our life?

Patti Schwab states that we are in charge of the RESPONSE we take to change; we should focus on the response rather than the change. She suggests to address crisis management with the acronym: **SKATE.**

Scream to <u>yourself</u>. Only the amateurs stay mad.

Keep your perspective. Put some distance between you and it.

Analyze the situation. Accept what has already occurred.

Think of anything good that may result from the change.

Evaluate your options and take positive action.

When you encounter change, perhaps try the SKATE process. And remember, normal is only an abstract concept. As quoted by Patti Schwab, "If the world really was normal, wouldn't men be the ones to ride side-saddle?"

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing to express my disappointment in the student turnout for the on campus interviews of the four finalists for the Director's position at Mat-Su College. Students were given a one hour time slot to question each prospective Director about whatever was on their minds, a golden opportunity to have a say in the future of this College, an opportunity that only comes along about every 15 years or so! For anyone unable to attend the student forum, an open forum was made available at the end of each day.

I ask you students - WHERE WERE YOU?! The largest turnout was nine students for the first interview, and the remaining days far less than that. I know that, in reality, about 75 % of you are really not all that interested. You are busy people - you work, have families, are taking classes and what little time you have left you want to spend with your families. I understand that, and I must confess that when I was a student, I felt the same way.

But what about the Student Government Representatives? Weren't you elected to represent the student body? Can you tell me what could be more important to the future of education and the students of Mat-Su College than the selection of a new Director?

Maybe you thought the process was just a window dressing; that the decision had already been made, or that no one would listen to you anyway. Wrong!! The Chancellor really wanted to hear what people thought of each candidate, to help him in making a very important decision that will affect our college. In fact, he sent the Provost to our campus after all four interviews were completed, to hear exactly what we thought of each one.

Or maybe you thought one candidate was probably just as good as the other. Wrong again. Even though the Search Committee carefully reviewed each applicant's qualifications, checking references, and conducting interviews via phone, there is no substitute for face to face communication with each finalist to see how the "chemistry" works between the various groups (i.e. students, faculty, staff, community).

Fortunately there was one student looking out for the other students, and that was Shelia Keyser. Shelia served on the Search Committee and over the past few months, spent many hours weeding through piles of resumes, attending long and sometimes grueling meetings, checking references, interviewing, and finally calling (begging) students to attend the interviews.

Like you, Shelia has a very busy schedule. Occupied with her five children, taking a full schedule both summer and fall, and being involved in other activities as well, Shelia thought the selection of Director candidates was so important that she felt committed to serving on the committee.

By the way, Shelia is not an elected Student Government representative. Shelia was defeated in her bid for President in the last election. She made the mistake of thinking that her hard work would speak for itself, and therefore, didn't do very much campaigning. But hey, isn't hard work supposed to be it's own reward? I guess Shelia thinks so.

Sincerely,

Bette Belanger
Director Search Committee member

Dear Editor,

What is going on in student government? I recently attended a meeting just to find out what it was, and what they do there.

I couldn't make a lot of sense of it. The president who ran the meeting seemed very nervous and unsure of himself. Throughout the meeting there was tension coming from all sides of the room.

Everyone seemed to have real strong feelings, but they were being nice to one another, yet they seemed to be attacking each other without saying so.

It didn't seem like much was being accomplished. I don't know if this is how they are always run, but it didn't impress me and I don't know if I want to be involved.

Anonymous Student

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Domestic Violence is a Learned Behavior!

by Kelli Mahoney, SYPW Coordinator, Valley Women's Resource Center

Not until the last decade has much been written about teen-dating violence. However, new research has given us a better idea of how it occurs, and why. Experts expect that 28% of dating persons were involved in dating violence. The behavior is often learned at home as a method of solving problens and gaining attention. Sometimes, violence is used by a family as a way of controlling family roles and getting one's way.

At around age 15, teens are beginning to explore relationships. They may use the behavior they learned at home to control and manipulate the romantic partner.

Teen women report that the violence is caused by "jealousy, uncontrollable anger, self defense, and retaliation." Teen men say denial of sex caused most of the physical aggression. The men said they used violence because it worked to " force the other to give something."

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The Few, The Proud, the Staff of the MSC Monitor

by Amy Menerey, Editor

In the coming months I plan to interview students, staff, and faculty at random so that we can become better acquainted with those around us.

I would like to begin this series by introducing the current staff of the MSC Monitor. Though we are few, we are dedicated, and hope that more tireless willing individuals will join us throughout the year. For lack of time (and energy) we did not interview each other; rather, each staff member wrote their own bio and submitted it to me.

So...in our own words, in no particular order, we introduce ourselves to you.

Mark Buzby, Cartoonist

I was born on June 21st, 1976. My parents gave me the middle name of Drew, because they knew I was going to draw. I've always been interested in art. In fact, I took a beginning drawing/watercolor class here when I was 12. I am now getting into many new forms of art. I am in my 3rd semester here and plan to get a degree in fine arts, but probably not at MSC.

Joan Tower, Columnist

I am a sophomore Human Services major. After working 30 years as a hairdresser, I decided to change careers. Hearing stories of Alaska from two great-uncles who prospected for gold in the late 1800s gave me the desire to see Alaska. After 12 years of living in Alaska, I intend to stay and won't leave the state again unless I have a round trip plane ticket. I enjoy the outdoors, fishing, crocheting, reading and playing with my grandchildren.

Dancing Feather X, Feature Writer

My major is in journalism/semitic languages. This is my last semester at MSC and I expect to work in the Middle-East with peace processes through journalism. My favorite pastimes are finding errors in text books, buzzing Eric and Christine and checking out the electrical wiring at MSC. My hobbies are writing, arguing and Aikido. My current projects are finishing The Black Knight, (my latest book), and rearranging Dr. Miles' brain cells.

Shelia Keyser, Assistant Editor

As a single mother of five active children, I have been there and done that. Married life was filled with over 30 moves and so many rollercoaster rides of emotion I should write a book or appear on Oprah, but I am trying to live a "normal" life and become a better person and parent. To achieve a higher standard for my family, I got a much needed and long overdue divorce, became a full-time student seeking an associates degree in accounting, got involved in Student Government and am now working on the MSC Monitor. Being raised in West Virginia, I have seen winters and had to walk 5 miles in snowstorms uphill both ways just to get to the bus stop. The point is that Alaska winters are indeed harsh but it is all how you look at life. Is the glass half full or half empty? My goal is to gain employment to take care of all my family so I can look at life as half full.

Kathleen Murphy, Photographer/Reporter

I was born and raised in Detroit. Soon after high school, I left the motor city and spent about 15 years traveling the countryside. I was searching for something different, but I wasn't quite sure what it was. I experienced many adventures and met some interesting people along the way. My travels eventually led me here, to Alaska. It did not take me long to realize that this was the something different I was looking for.

So, here I am back in school and trying my hardest to complete a journalism degree. I am in my sophomore year and attempting to gain as much practical experience as I can. I am writing part-time for three papers and messing up on a fairly regular basis, but what the heck, that's how one learns. Sometimes I wonder what my life would be like if I would have attended college when I was younger. It seems that young and messing up would have been easier to take than middle-aged and messing up, however, both are better than giving up. So, I continue plugging along and hope that someday if I try real hard, I'll write something that will make a difference.

Amy Byron, Copy Editor

I am a 17-year-old pre-med student, born in California, but have lived in Alaska since age of two. I started going to Mat-Su at age 15, five semesters ago, and have enjoyed college much more than I would ever have high school. I enjoy reading, hiking, mountain bike riding, and just hanging out in the cafeteria or atrium with friends.

Susan Reed, Cartoonist

I am a returning student who transferred to the Mat-Su community from Oahu, Hawaii. I have a bachelors of arts in liberal studies. Previously, I was in the military as an illustrator-draftsman for the navy for 8 years. I usually just put names to photographs and charted map grids, not a creative milleau. Once, I was put into a scenario where we plotted on a huge screen. It was under a 24 hour watch and was pretty sobering. On the whole, military life is like civilian life, just more mobile. My husband Ray and I have a 10 acre parcel on Lazy Mountain. It's as beautiful as Oahu and the wild life is tremendous.

Sandi Pinkston, Columnist

Being born in Torrence, California, I was basically raised next door to Disneyland. (me and "THE" mouse...best buds!) In my paper career I have written for a small town paper in Ferndale, Washington and wrote, edited, and produced a weekly children's newsletter. Since coming to Alaska I am an avid hiker and camper, collecting rocks, books and just about everything else. I love to travel so much I logged 6,000 miles this summer. My plans are to graduate this December as a History and Education major. So far I have a 4.0. Next spring I am headed to Irving to University of California for undergraduate work.

Just "Amy" Please, Editor

What's in a name? A little or a lot? I believe my name fits me - short, simple, and to the point. I am what I am and nothing more.

My life story is a long and complicated one which could easily be broken up into several small stories. It

feels as though I have lived in a soap opera on many occasions, yet I meet so many people in my age group with similar stories. Maybe those soaps aren't so far-fetched after all.

Without all the complicated details, I was the last of four kids born to very young parents from North Dakota. I was an Air Force brat who grew up all over as an outsider who read a lot, did artsy stuff, and generally kept to myself. Independence and stubbornness are early traits that still linger defiantly. I left home early a strong willed teenager too proud to admit my naivete. I married and divorced twice with three beautiful, equally stubborn kids as my life's reward.

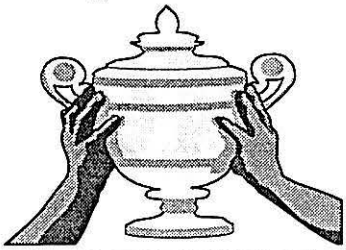
I am frustratingly over-critical, my own worst enemy. I expect the best from myself, however, as I get older I have begun to accept a half-assed job once in a while.

I spent several years afraid to come back to school, not wanting to be a part of the over 20, or worse yet, over 30 crowd among a bunch of kids. I'm glad I did.

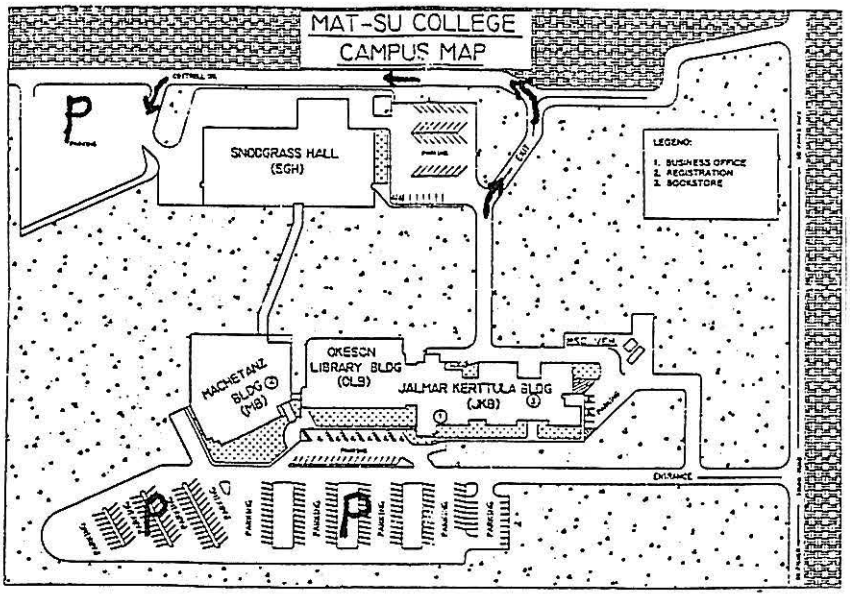
Mat-Su College was the ideal place to begin again. A small campus with an "older" average age of students, it has become a second home to me. I have been able to keep one tiny step ahead of my kids in the smarts department, learned more about who I am, gained self-esteem, and grown a myriad of ways, (I like that word, "myriad").

I often wish I had entered college sooner, yet, I'm not sure I would be gaining so much from it now had I not lived and experienced so much before it. Each class is new and exciting to me, another challenge. Money has never been the big issue for me and I still don't know what I'll be "when I grow up." At least now I know that there are endless possibilities for me, I have simply to choose the direction.

Be a winner, join the MSC Monitor team!



Map of Parking Lot Locations at MSC
Note arrows detailing route to lot behind Snodgrass Hall.



OUR BELOVED SECURITY

by Shelia Keyser

Here at MSC we are blessed to have some of the hardest working individuals on campus. Their jobs encompass health and safety, security police, maintenance, grounds and physical plant. "We have to wear more hats at a small campus," says Eric Blomskog, Physical Plant Manager and Head of Security. There is a security officer present 24 hours a day available to provide jump starts, assist with lockouts and give escorts to vehicles in any parking lot. Their office is mainly located in the JKB around the corner from the vending machines, right beside the cafeteria. If you can't find someone right away, you can go to the Business Office, Admissions and Records, or the Snodgrass receptionist and have them paged.

Standard parking procedures are as follows: double parking, blocking other cars, parking in handicapped spaces and in firelanes are **TOWABLE** on the first offense. Warning citations are issued for minor offenses such as taking two spaces to park you car. Getting a prime parking spot is still an ordeal, but with the cooperation of all it shouldn't be a problem.

THANKS GUYS FOR ALL YOUR WORK!!!!!

REALITY CHECK

by Amy Menerey

For those students who have whined and complained about having to park in "the back forty," (I'm embarrassed that I'm one of them), here is a reality check for you.

MSC now has approximately 500 parking spaces available. We have 1,272 students registered as of Sept. 20 1995.

Security does a daily count of the cars parked in all of the lots. At any given time, for instance at 8:15 p.m. on Sept. 21, there were 238 cars parked in the lots.

Now, compare this to UAA which has 3,334 parking spaces available to students. This includes housing and does not include handicap spaces.

There are currently 13,675 students registered at UAA. This includes non-credit students. There is a charge of $30 to $95 to park on campus, depending on whether you want to walk a little or a lot. Either way, it usually takes 15 to 25 minutes of circling just to find a spot every time you park.

So, I no longer complain about walking from "the back forty" at MSC. Heck, it takes longer than that just to walk from one class to another at UAA. Take the walk, take in the fresh air, and quit complainin'!

SOME OF THE UPCOMING EVENTS

MUSIC

Midori--Anchorage Concert Association, Oct. 15, Alaska Center for the Performing Arts

Anchorage Symphony Orchestra--Oct. 21, Alaska Center for the Performing Arts

THEATER

"Breaking Legs"--Valley Performing Arts, Sept 29-Oct. 15, Alaska State Fairgrounds, Palmer

"I Hate Hamlet"--UAA Theater, Oct. 6-22, UAA Arts Building

One-Act Play Festival I -- UAA Theater, Oct. 27, UAA Arts Building

"Simple Gifts & Other Stories" with Cashore Marionettes-- Alaska Junior Theater, Oct. 20-21, Alaska Center for the Performing Arts

VISUAL ARTS

Fred Machetanz --- lithographs. through Oct.15. Anchorage Museum

"1995 Rarefied Light"--- juried photgraphy. Oct1-Nov.19. Anchorage Musuem

"Joyce Munson: Reflections of the North"--- Oct 5. Aurora Fine Art

Barry Hall --- Oct. 9-29. UAA Arts Building Gallery

"Art a la Mode" --- Tate Hayes and Lizzie Pausbach. Oct. 12-26. UAA Campus Center Gallery

"Susan Lindsey: Summer Gardens"--- Oct. 16-28. Artique Ltd.

Barbara Cavallee ---watercolors. through Oct. 6. Artique Ltd.

"Linde Kienle: Book Expressions" --- Oct21-22. Artique Ltd.

Children's Saturday Art Adventures --- Oct.21. Anchorage Museum

DANCE

"Peter Pan" -- Ballet West/ Anchorage Concert Association, Oct.7-8, Alaska Center for the Performing Arts

MAGIC AND FESTIVALS

OCTOBERFEST--OCT 6-7, EGAN CONVENTION CENTER

PENN & TELLER--MAGIC, ANCHORAGE CONCERT ASSOCIATION, OCT. 13, ALASKA CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

ART ABOUT

BREAK A LEG, RON

by Amy Menerey

Valley Performing Arts' latest presentation, "Breaking Legs," features one of MSC's own, Ron Roberson.

Ron is a second year student pursuing a degree in education. He also works as a Veteran's Representative and frequently submits his witty poetry to the Monitor.

Playing the role of goofball Frankie, Ron is thrilled to be on stage again. He hasn't done any acting since high school, so he was suprised when he got the call back after his audition.

Truth be told, Ron participated in a mime act at Glenn Massay's retirement dinner last Spring and was spotted by a member of the VPA who's immediate reaction was, "hey, there's Frankie." WHAT A BREAK!!!!!

LECTURES

Mariano Gonzales: Digital Images, Oct. 9-29 Reception and Lecture by the artist,Oct. 11
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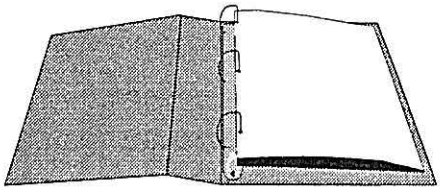
lecture time: 8:30-9:30 pm
Room 117 UAA Arts Building

Barry Hall--film, Oct. 18, UAA Arts Building



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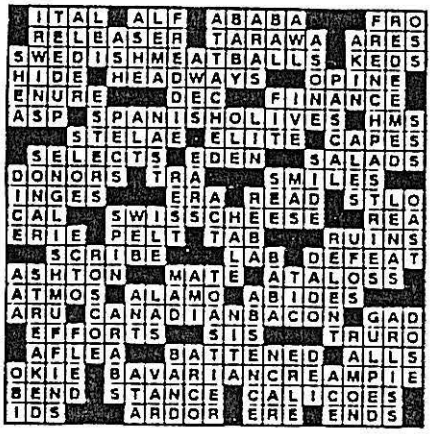


You move in the direction on which you dwell.

CLASS NEWS

Business Class plans to SPOOK the valley

by Jim Gonski, Assistant Professsor

The Introduction to Business Class (BA 151) is planning to scare the wits out of the Valley's children this Halloween season. The class is putting together two business ideas; a haunted house, and a costume carnival. The students plan to donate the money raised in the project to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

In the past the class was divided into groups and prepared a business plan for a simulated business. This year, I decided to give the students the opportunity to see their efforts pay-off by actually launching a business proposal. The students should learn the same business concepts as the simulation exercise, but the real life experience of actually dong it will translate into a more graphic and vivid learning experience. The students have been divided into four departments; organization, accounting/finance, marketing, and production.

The haunted house will be located right here at Mat-Su College in the old art room at the far west end of the JKB on Friday, October 28, Saturday, October 29, and Tuesday, October 31. The costume carnival will be held at the Cottonwood Creek Mall on Saturday, October 28.

The class has persuaded channel 4, the Fox 4 Kids Club, to embrace the event and have Kitty Fox and Cameron the Camera Man schedule a live appearance at each of the two locations.

Remember, you don't have to be a kid to enjoy a good scare and help a good cause at the same time.

Personal Investment Class to make some REAL money!

by Jim Gonski, Assistant Professor

The Personal Investment Class (BA 155) has a class project that could pay some real dividends. Instead of just reading and talking about stocks and bonds, the class is going to actually create investment portfolios. I have developed a game where the winners will walk away with real cash. Here's how it works.

Each student is paying an entry fee of $15.00. All of the entry fees are being placed in a "winnings pot." The student who makes the most money by December 8, wins one half of the pot. There is a second and third prize also. Second place takes 30% and third will walk off with the remaining 20%. I hope that the prospects of winning cold hard cash will help develop some healthy competition.

The entire college will be able to see how our future Wall Street gurus are doing. A chart will appear in the display case of the library plotting the weekly movements of the student's portfolios. Check it out, you may want to hire one of these bright students some day to invest your fortune. There is still room in the class if you want to enroll in a class that pays.

FIRE AND ICE AT MSC

by Amy Menerey

Back in a quiet corner of MSC sits a little-known room full of fire and ice.

This room houses copper pipes and rods, acetylene tanks, assorted gauges, tools and wiring. Here students learn compression, wiring, vapor flow, ductwork and a myriad of other complicated things. This is the Refrigeration and Heating Lab, otherwise known as R&H.

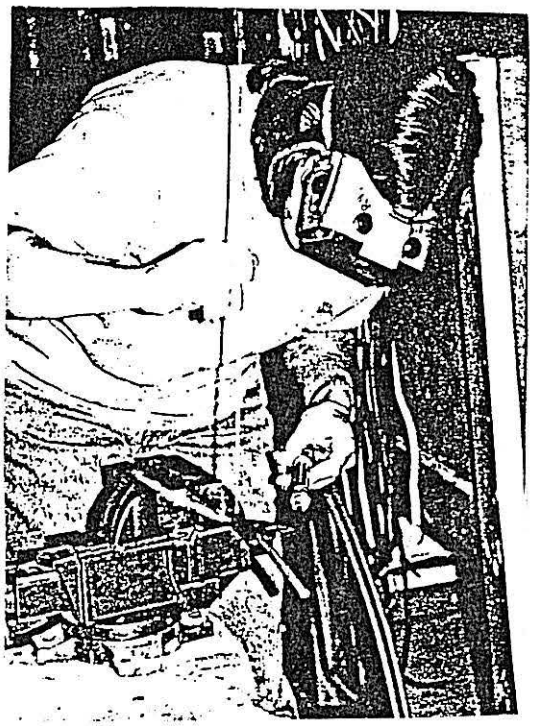
Mat-Su College is the only campus offering an Associate degree program in R&H, as well as a two year certificate. The program began when MSC was still in its youth as a community college and has held fast as an important, innovative program.

In 1974 Mat-Su Community College recognized the need for technicians in refrigeration and heating in Alaska, which was being bombarded by industrialization and an ever-increasing population. Because of this insight, MSC has been responsible for students receiving 42 AAS degrees and 104 certificates to work in these related areas through this ongoing program since 1984.

A splendid example of R&H's success is MSC's new instructor, Dan Mielke, who graduated from the program in 1978, worked in the field, and has returned to share his knowledge with today's students.

R&H students spend a great deal of time with the books before exploring the lab at the corner of the JKB building. Once there, they receive hands-on training in soldering, wiring, building prototypes and using a training model. The lab is filled with old refrigerators, ice machines, furnaces and ducts which the students will eventually get their hands on.

This is a fascinating program and a credit to Mat-Su College.



Janice Norman practices welding in R&H lab.

Another October

by Sandi Pinkston

The chill is in the air. The trees have don their fall finery. For most, thoughts turn to berry picking and hot cider. But as a student of history, I tend to think of current events in the context of past events along the time-space continuum.

It was another fall, not so long ago for some, and not so far away. WARNING: YOU MAY NOT WANT TO READ ANY FURTHER. The words are ugly and brutal. But they are historical, documented fact.

Ohrdruf.

Bauchenwald.

Dachau.

Ebensen.

Each name brings to mind torture, dead, and monstrous inhumanity. To many one time soldiers who participated in the liberation of these death camps in 1944 and 1945, they can still recall the smell, the sounds, the unbelievable insanity usually reserved for nightmares.

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In the closing months of World War II in Europe, as Allied forces closed in on German-held territory, many of the camp commandants packed their human charges onto trains, forced them on death marches, or killed them in mass executions to destroy the evidence of the Nazi legacy. Clubbed, shot, or hung, the bodies were piled into careless heaps or left to rot where they fell. The horrific smell of the decaying bodies greeted the liberators long before the gates were opened to hell on earth.

Animated skeletons, too weak to move cried out for food and water. But starvation had shriveled stomachs so much that when well meaning GIs gave them food, many died after gulping too much indigestible food. Even though Hitler was dead, his "Final Solution" continued to claim victims. Estimates show that malnutrition and typhus claimed a third of the camp survivors.

Battle-tested soldiers, young and old, were no strangers to death. But this was not death. this was wholesale murder on a gluttonous scale. They had no sympathy for the local town officials that rided ignorance. Across Germany, righteous indignation was reaching critical mass.

Many of the GIs carried small cameras and took hundreds of pictures, almost as proof that they were actually seeing what they could not possibly be seeing. In 1945, CBS producer Fred Friendly wrote his mother from Mauthausen, "I want you to never forget or let our disbelieving friends forget, that your flesh and blood saw this. . Your son saw this with his own eyes and in doing this aged 10 years." How could anyone imagine the horrors of the death camps?

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Retribution needed to be taken as the initial shock wore off and anger replaced it, both being the human soul's coping mechanism. No remorse was felt when nearly 80 SS sentries were clubbed and kicked to death. After the discovery of 2,000 bodies in a freight train at Dachau, the remaining German guards were swiftly shot upon discovery. Were these merchants of death entitled to "due process?" None of us who was not present can ever sit in judgment, right or wrong, few would argue the case.

Until January of 1944, the American public had been kept in the dark about the death camps by our government. Again, was it right or wrong? Hindsight is always wisest. Renown journalists such as Margaret Bourke-White and Edward R. Murrow covered the gruesome demonstration of "Nazi Logic." Murrow told his radio listeners, "I have reported what I saw and heard, but only part of it: for most of it I have no words. If I have offended you by this rather mild account of Buchenwald, I am not in the least sorry."

Over the years many have tried to understand the why and the how-could-we's. The years after the war saw many editorials and denouncements of the barbarisms of the camps. But it wasn't long before it was swept aside by the post war economic boom. Those who have lived through the horror and those who had been witnesses to its survivors wanted and needed to go on with life, they needed to "bury their memories along with the dead." The GIs put their photos away, and the arm tattoos were covered up.

> Images from Cambodia, Biafra, Bosnia, Rowanda . . . the list is endless it seems . . . have acted as moral novocaine.

This mass Holocaust amnesia cloud finally lifted in the late 1950s. By the '70s and '80s memoirs, scholarly studies, and public addresses were being made. There was a renewed need to find some redeeming point to this moral travesty. There was also a new fear that the world had become immune to wholesale murder. Images from Cambodia, Biafra, Bosnia, Rowanda . . the list is endless it seems . . . have acted as moral novocaine.

We must consider the fact that maybe Richard L. Strout was speaking prophetically in 1945 when he warned in the Saturday Evening Post that "the Holocaust had dulled human eyes 'to lesser sums of horror,' raising the threshold of shock to the everlasting detriment of all."

God, I hope not.

If the death camps that killed 10 million did that, what have the ensuing 50 years done to us.

THE SPORTS PAGE

Alaska State Rodeo

State Rodeo champs bucked their way to victory in a final whooping weekend at the Sullivan Arena September 8th and 9th. The tunes of The Long Riders, foot stomping and yeehawing accompanied the cowboys and cowgirls as they ended a summer's worth of ropin' and ridin'. Final points champs are as follows:

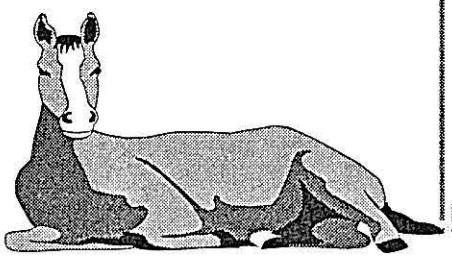
CALF ROPING:
330 Steve Hampton Sr. - Champion
310 Shane Hampton - Reserve Champion
BAREBACK:
390 Scott Owens - Champion
245 Bruce Vanostrand - Reserve Champion
BREAKAWAY:
470 Diane Hampton - Champion
420 Lisa Barnes - Reserve Champion
BULL RIDING:
285 Bobby Smith - Champion
285 Dave Johnston - Reserve Champion
SADDLE BRONC:
360 Joe Anderson - Champion
125 Dave Johnston - Reserve Champion
BARREL RACING:
390 Charlene Torkelson - Champion
270 Sandra Barker - Reserve Champion

RIBBON ROPING
ROPER:
330 Steve Hampton Sr.- Champion
270 Shane Hampton - Reserve Champion
RUNNER:
330 Diane Hampton - Champion
270 Sandra Barker - Reserve Champion

DOUBLE MUGGING
ROPER:
350 Steve Hampton Sr.- Champion
300 Dusty Barham - Reserve Champion
MUGGER:
320 Shawn Rutherford - Champion
300 Guy Trent - Reserve Champion

TEAM ROPING
HEADER:
310 John Arkley - Champion
200 Steve Hampton - Reserve Champion
HEELER:
330 Shane Hampton - Champion
250 Dusty Barham - Reserve Champion

ALL AROUND:
MENS:
1260 Steve Hampton Sr. - Champion
1020 Shane Hampton - Reserve Champion
WOMENS:
980 Diane Hampton - Champion



"Wild Bill Miller" is *Top* Sportsman

by Amy Menerey

MSC Student Bill Miller finessed his way to First Place in the Top Sportsman division at Alaska Raceway Park this summer.

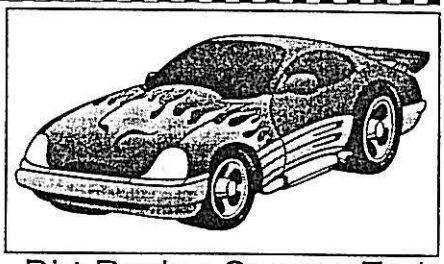
Bill is a freshman at MSC and has been drag racing since 1985. He is pursuing a BA in Physical Therapy, and, although he sees racing as a hobby, his theory is if he learns more he'll make more money to support his hobby. It didn't start out that way.

Bill began racing in 1985 just to see how fast his car was. "Then the bug hit," he said. He is a serious racer who wants to keep it fun. His 1967 Ford Mustang is currently the only Ford in Alaska's Top Sportsman Class and retains the record as the fastest Ford in Alaska since 1992. He won the last race of the season three times in the last four years, however, this is the first year he placed first for the entire season. Bill was also recognized at this year's banquet by being voted Best in Sportsmanship by his fellow racers.

Bill knows he couldn't have made it without the help of The Bush Company, RW Racing, Top Jimmy Racing, Dynamic Detailing, and his Crew Chief Jackie Walling. Jackie is also a student at MSC and a strong supporter of Bill's.

Like most drivers, racing consumes every aspect of his life. Bill would like to offer an apology to his English professors who have had to read about drag racing: "It becomes a part of you."

Winners of this season's races are as follows:
Top Eliminator - Rich Kirk
Pro Sportsman - A.J. Swichenberg
Top Sportsman - Bill Miller
E.T./Superstreet - Dwayne Lile
High School - Chris Henry
Jr. Dragster - Cory Wardrope



Dirt Racing Season Ends

Capitol Speedway in Willow held its last day of dirt racing September 10th. Following the races was a "playday", a time for people to test drive other cars, hold grudge races and just have fun. The season's race results are as follows:

Mini Stock:		
1st	Bill Mains	1310 pts.
2nd	Art Fox	809 pts.
3rd	Chad Baker	712 pts.
4th	Joe Bichinella	258 pts.
5th	Duane Baker	255 pts.
6th	Wes Walker	189 pts.
Hobby Stock:		
1st	Mike Evans	2218 pts.
2nd	Richie Christensen	1718 pts.
3rd	Troy Putnam	1491 pts.
4th	Moe Frost	1248 pts.
5th	Rich Troutman	941 pts.
6th	Mike Murphy	909 pts.
Stock Class:		
1st	Rick Garrels	2564 pts.
2nd	Joe Mandrelle	1908 pts.
3rd	Rick Daniels	1841 pts.
4th	Tony Solseng	1541 pts.
5th	Mike Edwards	1368 pts.
6th	Todd Slater	985 pts.
Sportsman Class:		
1st	Jake Aprill	1358 pts.
2nd	Steve Hust	1136 pts.
3rd	Bob Erdman	1028 pts.
4th	Mark Sant	980 pts.
5th	Jeff Wallace	532 pts.
6th	Gene Hayes	318 pts.

Capitol Speedway will be holding its end-of-season awards banquet on November 4th at 6:00, at the Mug-Shot. Call the Speedway if you're interested in tickets.

Got a favorite sport you're into? Tell us about it!

Noonsingers

is looking for walk on's, no credit personnel, ANYONE to complete their roster and assure continuation of their class.

A desire to sing and a commitment to stay till end of semester necessary.
Show up and be counted!

State Loan,

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bonds were getting to be too high of a risk, and if Alaska did not tighten up the program and collect from students, the brokers would no longer insure the bonds. This would mean the interest rate on student loans would have to be raised to compensate for the high-risk, uninsured bonds.

The state began looking for ways to protect the State Student Loan Program. One way was to enforce a state statute that had been ignored for seven years. The statute was interpreted by the ACPE to say any for-profit, postsecondary school operating with a 30 percent or more default rate will not receive state loan money for its students. The school's students must have borrowed at least $100,000 in a school year to qualify. Many private schools say the statute is unfair.

Jennifer Deitz, president of The Alaska Association of Private Career Educators wants to know if nonprofit public schools like MSC are exempt from losing their loans if they exceed the 30 percent default rate.

"We question the fairness and validity of a policy that exempts these institutions," said Deitz.

Another way that the ASLP has attempted to tighten the program concerns Senate Bill 123 which would increase the maximum amount a student could borrow from $5,500 to $8,500. It would also increase the origination fee a student pays when they receive their first loan from 1 percent to 5 percent. This increases the fee from $55 to $425.

This would help because the fee would be taken out at the time the loan was given and used as protection should the student default on their loan.

SB 123 was introduced by Sen. Lyda Green, R-Wasilla. Green said she presented the bill as a way to strengthen the state student loan program.

Rep. Con Bunde, R-Anchorage, believes the bill is a mixed blessing for students because the more a student can borrow means the more the student will owe after graduation.

Senate Bill 123 was introduced in March. The House and the Senate could not agree on the wording of the bill and the private schools lobbied strongly against it.

The bill is currently in limbo. It might come back to the Senate floor in a new form or it might be indefinitely tabled.

An open forum will be held at UAA where students can ask questions and voice their opinions on the subject. Tentatively, it's set for Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. in the Cuddy Center. Sen. Green, Rep. Bunde and Mark Begich from the governors office are some of the officials who have been invited to attend.

Hunter Creek Disaster

by Joan Tower

Torrential rain
overflowing creek bed
Awesome power
loss of control
Raging swirling water
Nature's rape

Director,

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the contact with the students. Students are what colleges are all about. I am coming there with no agenda in mind. I will come to Mat-Su and immerse myself in the college and the community and find out what the needs are before making any decisions," Emmons said. He added, "One major lesson I've learned is no matter where you have been, you are where you are."

WELCOME TO MAT-SU DR. EMMONS!!!

NEW BOOKS! COME CHECK US OUT!

THE LIBRARY HAS RECEIVED LOTS OF NEW BOOKS OVER THE SUMMER. MOST OF THE NEW BOOKS ARE HOUSED ON THE LIBRARY'S GROUND FLOOR ON THE SHELVES CLOSEST TO THE OUTSIDE WINDOWS AND NEWSPAPER RACKS. STARTING THIS SEMESTER, A MONTHLY LIST OF NEW BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE. IF YOU WANT TO SEE AT A GLANCE ALL OUR NEW BOOKS, THE LIST WILL BE POSTED AT THE LIBRARY.

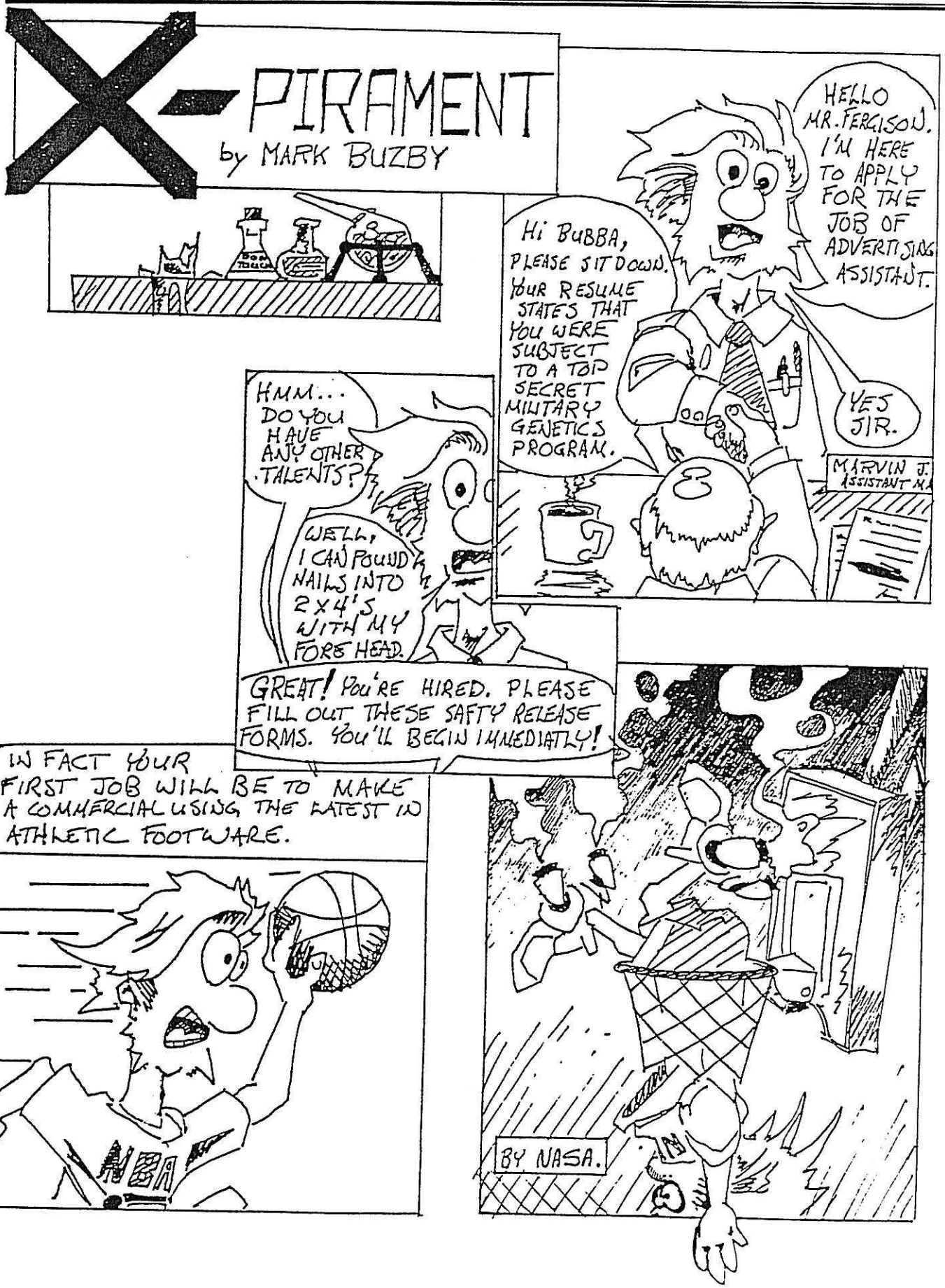
AND, IF YOU WANT A BREAK FROM ACADEMIC BOOKS, TRY OUR MCNAUGHTON COLLECTION OF BESTSELLERS OF FICTION AND NON-FICTION TITLES. HOT OFF THE PRESS, WITH THE LATEST BY SUCH AUTHORS AS STEPHEN KING, JOHN GRISHAM, ANNE MCCAFFREY AND V.C. ANDREWS, THE MCNAUGHTON BOOKS ARE WAITING FOR YOU ON THE NEW BOOKS SHELF.

SO, WHETHER YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION IN YOUR FIELD OF STUDY OR JUST WANT TO CURL UP WITH AN EXCITING BESTSELLER, COME VISIT YOUR FRIENDLY MAT-SU COLLEGE LIBRARY. WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

Life is like a dirty diaper...

Volunteers Needed:

The Valley Women's Resource Center in Palmer is seeking volunteers to work the Second Annual Halloween Carnival. For more information contact Arvella @ 746-4080.


X-PIRAMENT
by MARK BUZBY
HELLO MR. FERGISON. I'M HERE TO APPLY FOR THE JOB OF ADVERTISING ASSISTANT.
Hi BUBBA, PLEASE SIT DOWN. YOUR RESUME STATES THAT YOU WERE SUBJECT TO A TOP SECRET MILITARY GENETICS PROGRAM.
YES SIR.
MARVIN J. ASSISTANT M.
HMM... DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER TALENTS?
WELL, I CAN POUND NAILS INTO 2X4'S WITH MY FOREHEAD.
GREAT! YOU'RE HIRED. PLEASE FILL OUT THESE SAFTY RELEASE FORMS. YOU'LL BEGIN IMMEDIATLY!
IN FACT YOUR FIRST JOB WILL BE TO MAKE A COMMERCIAL USING THE LATEST IN ATHLETIC FOOTWARE.
NBA
BY NASA.

TIDBITS

*There is a student mail board in the hallway outside the IBM lab.

*There is a coin operated copy machine for student use located in the library.

*Student Government News is posted on the bulletin boards outside the cafeteria, and on the electronic marquee outside the office.

*MSC Monitor news is posted outside the Student Gov't./Monitor office.

*Vending machines are located in the Kerttula Building and Snodgrass Hall.

*There is a scanner available in the VAX lab.

*Copies of all student evaluations of teacher performances are kept in the library. These evaluations are filled out on a semester basis, and are available for review by students.

*There is a pay phone upstairs in the Machetanz Building.

*Smoking areas are posted throughout the campus, look for the signs and be sure to dispose of butts properly!

Dear Julie,

I am going to kill my kids. At least I want to. I am a single parent and I don't have anyone to help me with them. I am trying to go to school but it doesn't leave much time with them and all we do is fight when we are together. Not to mention my lack of a social life. What can I do to get help?

...Kill

Dear Kill,

College can be difficult for anyone without any other distractions. Your first statement is called an excited utterance in legalese. Hopefully, you don't plan to do it. There is help in the valley for stressed out mom's. You might contact the Valley Women's Resource Center at 746-4080. They have support groups, parenting classes, a crisis line if you need to talk to someone, and a myriad of other services.

...Julie

To Write to "Dear Julie", drop your letter off at the Student Government/Monitor office, or leave in the Monitor dropbox outside of our office. "Julie" is a Human Services Major studying paraprofessional counseling.

Positions Open
MSC Monitor
Student Newspaper of Mat-Su College

Art Reporter: Report on all art related activities at Mat-Su and UAA, as well as upcoming related outside events; reviews and criticism, cover art club meetings. Must be involved in the arts, any medium, with knowledge of basic principles of method and design.

Student Government Reporter: Report on all aspects of student government: meetings, committees, etc. Must attend meetings regularly, cannot hold a position.

News Reporters: Research and investigate news around campus and the valley. A good ear and a quest for information a must.

Interviewers: Interview teachers, faculty, and students. Write biographies. Take polls.

Guest Columnists: Anyone wishing to report on any of the above subjects, or any other subject of interest, may do so as a guest columnist.

Submit applications or articles to Student Gov't/Monitor office, leave in our box, or write via VAX, PSAJM.

At The Movies

by Joan Tower

Operation Dumbo Drop was a light comedy with plenty of action and heartwarming scenes. Based on a true story, the plot line held my interest. It's a good movie for children and adults alike to see and enjoy together. Fun!

NOTICE!!!
NEW DROP BOX LOCATION

Due to the new mail room policy, the MSC Monitor will have a new drop box outside of our office for submissions, suggestions, applications, etc. The box will be labeled and checked weekly. Thank You!

Amy Menerey, Editor

YES!!
THERE IS A TYPING LAB!!!

Two IBM Correcting Selectrics are available for your use in Snodgrass Hall:
>no cost to you
>bring your own paper & supplies
Schedule for Fall Semester:

Mon.	9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tues.	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Wed.	9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Thurs.	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Fri.	9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, call or see Gretchen at Snodgrass Hall, 745-9754.

Classifieds

Your Ad Here! FREE, to all Students, Faculty, Adjunct and Staff!!!

Hitch...$20.00
Exercise Bike...$10.00
Call Amy 376-7752

WANTED:
2 or 3 Bedroom rental unit. Have ASHA, 1 teenager, 2 well behaved, fixed, brother and sister cats. References for me and/or cats if needed. Please contact Brenda Thompson 373-7872

WANTED:
Warm, loving, permanent home for a very special dog. Likes kids, dogs, and cats. Current shots, spayed, can stay indoors or outdoors. Siberian husky, but not a sled dog, stricly a family pet. The right price for the right person or family. If interested call Brenda Thompson 373-7872

I am looking for a ride from Wasilla to my 4:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Electronics class, M-Thurs. I will share gas, coffee, etc. Please call Allen 376-2311

WANTED:
small to mid-size car
Chevy preferred
Good gas mileage
decent condition
Will pay up to $1500.00
Amy 376-7752

EXTRA, EXTRA

Computer Input

Lab Hours are as follows:

Mon - Friday	9:00am - 10:00pm
Saturdays	9:00am - 5:00pm

News from Carl, The Computer Guy: Microsoft Word and Excel will be installed on the computers in the IBM lab in the coming weeks.

Computer Aides are available for questions and can usually be found in the VAX lab. All students using any of the computer labs - IBM, Mac, or VAX - will be required to have an ID card with lab sticker displayed while using the computers. Lab stickers are available at the Business Office for a $30 fee.

Fall Library Hours

Mon-Thurs	8:30am -10:00pm
Fridays	8:30am - 7:00pm
Saturdays	9:00am - 3:00pm

*Continuing students need to update their cards. There is no charge for a library card. The Okeson library is a public library. Interlibrary loans are free to students.

Student Jobs

Please note that there are job openings here at Mat-Su College for interested students. Position notices are posted outside of the Business Office, and applications may be obtained at the Business Office.

Steamy News

The Tsunami Coffee Company, in the cafeteria, is now offering punch cards for dedicated coffee addicts. The cost of the card is $10 and is worth $12 toward your favorite steaming beverages. Pick yours up today!

Yonder in Snodgrass

Snodgrass Hall is closed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There are no classes being offered in Snodrass on those days, so it is kept locked. Monday thru Thursday the building is open from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Further, building policy for Mat-Su College and UAA requires that classrooms remain locked until one half hour before scheduled class time, or when the instructor arrives. There has been some confusion regarding this policy at Snodgrass Hall. Please be aware that this is, and always has been, the policy.

Bookstore Hours

M-F	9:00am - 1:00pm
M-Th	3:30pm - 7:30pm

the way we were

by Amy Menerey

The Mat-Su Monitor. This is the previous name of Mat-Su College's newspaper. It has been called a newsletter, a newspaper, a handout. It has been written by teachers, by students, by both. It has been funded in many ways. The paper has had its ups and downs. Now the name has been changed. The new MSC Monitor is a paper for today. It will grow and reflect Mat-Su College and its students. These are my hopes as editor.

To better understand what the Monitor is and how it evolved, I dug into its history. My findings were interesting to me and I wanted to share them with you, my readers.

The Mat-Su Monitor began in 1978 when counselor Forrest "Woody" Hayes developed is as a means to convey general information to the students. It contained campus news, philosophical bits and the information currently found in the campus catalog. During these years, the paper records the growth of our campus, our students and our student government. The students became involved in the paper during this time.

The next era brought several changes. In 1984, Elizabeth Fallon became the paper's advisor and funds were available for printing, so several issues were in newspaper form on newsprint! The following year, Pat O'Hara took over as editor and teacher of a class that produced the paper. Budget cuts the next year resulted in a smaller paper run solely by students. Between 1986 and 1993 the Mat-Su Monitor was published irregularly by various people.

It was resurrected in 1993 by student government President Mark Ewing. Ewing felt a need to spread campus and student government news to the students and allow students a voice. It was funded entirely by student fees through student government. The reborn paper was brief and unprofessional but it was a beginning. Carolyn soon took over, offering the paper more variety and interest, such as art reviews and current events. In 1994, the Monitor's new editor, Kathy Murphy, worked hard to further gain student interest in the paper and bring in more hard news. Kathy was very successful at stirring student consciousness through her editorials.

The Mat-Su Monitor is now the MSC Monitor. This paper has grown tremendously since its rebirth in 1993. As the new editor I have many wished and dreams for this paper. I hope that it grows and changes as I do, as we all do. The Monitor is currently funded by student fees funnelled through Student Government, as it was when Ewing resurrected it. However, Student Government does not **RUN** the paper and does not decide what it does or does not print. Because the paper uses the same office, computer and supplies many people are under the same impression that it does.

For this reason, I would like to form a Media Board using the guidelines currently in use at UAA. This board would serve as a governing unit to advise and assist the paper as it grows. The Media Board provides balance between the newspaper and Student Government and a solid foundation to grow on. Keep your eyes open for further developments on this important issue.

I thank Mark, Carolyn, and Kathy for the part each had in the rebirth of this paper. Without them I would not have the joy (and headache) of being the current editor of our student paper. I would also like to thank Forrest Hayes for his insightfulness in beginning a newspaper forum to have communication between faculty, staff and students

Anyone who is interested in looking at the past issues of the Monitor can find them in the library. They have been bound and are located upstairs in the periodicals section. These papers chronicle Mat-Su College's history and include interesting articles about faculty, adjuncts, staff, students and events. Check it out! You won't be disappointed.

Rainbows Falling

by Dancing Feather X

Rainbows falling--melting from the sky,
Wash of color, I've believed a lie,
Grey clouds cryin', I'm just buyin' time.
Don't touch me--set me free,
Let me heal-- know it's real,
That he was lying,
now I'm trying to feel...again.
Mind over heart--but where to start,
My will's shaken, emotions taken,
can they ever part?
Hands of steele--so gentle,
Molten lead--I am dead, inside.
Turning wheel--is this real,
I am bound--and all 'round, is darkness.
Hearts of ice--cannot hide,
Heat of sorrow--melt tomorrow,
sea of hurt.
Law of pain--am I sane?
When a where--am I there,
where have I been walkin' to?
Forgiveness--heavyness,
Poison drink--I do think, taken blindly.
I will crack--right in half,
Hold me close--another dose,
and I'd be dead.
Find a way--t' make him pay.
Love says no--I won't show, how I feel.
He don't care--but he dared,
Now I'm scarred--and it's hard, to fly.
Weighted down--to the ground,
Wings of lead--how I dread, the fall.
Hate is wrong--but so strong,
How can hate--make a gate,
'gainst a heart's overflow?
So friendly--he thinks me,
So a friend-- to the end.
I shall die, before I say a word.
Rainbows falling--melting from the sky,
Wash of color, I've believed a lie,
Grey clouds cryin', I'm just buyin'....time
Don't touch me--set me free,
Let me heal--know it's real,
That he was lying,
now I'm trying to feel....again.

Domestic Violence,

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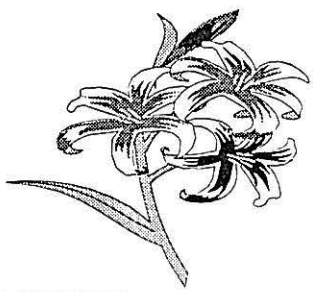
Teens have a hard time separating jealousy from love. Even when victims felt the violence they experienced, this "proved" they were loved.

Teens in violent relationships rarely look for professional help or leave their partner because of the violence. They may feel aggression is a normal part of interaction.

Violence has been found in two stages of a romantic partnership. Often it is used to control the partner right away - a habitual response to stress or perceived threat. This is one stage during which a partner will often end the relationship, as not much time and effort have been invested in it.

Violence is also high in long term relationships - with teen men increasing the violence as commitment level increases. Cohabiting couples report the highest rate of violence, even more than couples who are married or dating but live singly. Attitudes of the partners have much to do with dating violence; it is used because the abuser, male or female, believes it will work. The abused believe they are not worth protecting, or have low self images. Teens in particular are less likely to blame their violence on an out of control feeling and more likely to admit their use of force was manipulative.

As a society, we need to help youth manage personal relationships, understand and express feelings, and identify beliefs they hold which may or may not be productive. As parents, we can understand ways we show our kids how to cope with negative feelings, how to tell a "good" love from a "bad" or harmful one, and how to accept and give love and attention. Ending violence between brother and sister would be a good place to start!



WORD POWER:

sticks and stones

by Dancing Feather X

"Jimmie, you a baby," says Sam, enviously eyeing Jim's stash of legos.

Jimmie's face turns livid: at the top of his three year old voice, he screams, "I not Baby! I Jimmie!"

Sammie grins, "Yes you are!"

Minutes later, Jimmie runs wailing into the kitchen, tears streaming, face red. "Sammie call me Baby!" he cries.

So I tell Sam to take it back. Sam apologizes, and Jimmie, completely satisfied, marches back to the play room, lording his victory over Sam. A minute later, I hear Jimmie saying in guarded undertones, so I won't overhear, "You Baby Sam..."

Baby is the most demeaning term in Jim's vocabulary (of which I am glad). To Jimmie, being called a baby is utterly dehumanizing to him; his pride cannot suffer it. When he calls Sam a baby, he believes he is returning just revenge. But Sam is twice Jim's age, and in his elderly wisdom, smiles to himself (sticks and stones can break my bones, but words will never hurt me).

We use words to express things; often, we use them to express our feelings about things. When words are misused, they cause misunderstandings (Sam didn't really believe Jim was a baby, he just said it to get even over the legos). For some reason (I think because we're human), we often tend to take words seriously, believing them. This can be seen especially in young children from the age of two to five. At this age, they take words so literally that they create a reality with it.

For an angry three year old, the worst revenge she can imagine to take against someone, is to call them a bad name. She believes that what she says comes into existence once out of her mouth. In the same way, if you were to call her a monster (or a sweet sister) she would believe you believed this. In umbrage, she would correct you, "I Molly, not monster," (or, "I niece"). Psychologists tell us that when we reach adulthood, we are able to "reverse;" i.e., we're suppposed to be able to understand that words don't create reality, or, we're able to look at things from different perspectives.

I am highly critical of this theory when it touches on words. I believe that though we are "capable" of reversability, we don't practice it (otherwise, we wouldn't get hurt feelings when a loved one called us a mean word). We would just nod our head wisely and say to ourself that he doesn't really mean it. "The first one to strike, loses" is an old proverb. On the film Hook, Peter Pan had to find words to fight back the Lost Boys. It says that we not only use words to communicate information and love, but to fight and inflict pain. I explored our dictionary's definition of epithets, and found some things that made me think deeply on the nature of words. You would think that someone using an epithet would inflict it on something he hates or despises: not someone he loves. Maybe this is the reason we all feel so terribly hurt inside when someone we love uses an epithet on us.

An epithet is a de-characterizing word added to or used in the place of the name of a person or thing. It is a word, used invectively as a term of abuse or contempt. Invective means vehement denunciation. It is an insulting, abusive word. To denunciate is to condemn openly. To condemn is to judge or pronounce someone as unfit.

I have come to the conclusion that though broken bones hurt immensely, it is only a physical pain. Words might not break bones, but many wound and break spirit; psychological pain. People can live with crooked bones, but many find it difficult to "live" with shattered spirits.

When someone calls me a cruel name, I find it hard to believe that they don't mean it. When they apologize, say they didn't mean it, ther is still doubt in the back of my mind about their motives. How could they say it if they didn't think it, and how could they think of it if they didn't feel it, and how could they feel it if they didn't believe it. "Words of kindness and cursing pour out from the same mouth; this should not happen. No

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Sticks and Stones,

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spring of water pours out sweet water and bitter water from the same opening." This was said over eighteen centuries ago before psychologists!

I think there is power in the spoken word, and when we realize that no word can be unsaid, we need to consider more carefully what we say. We take each other very literally, and it takes a strong believer in goodness to believe that cursing words spoken at them were not really meant.

There is really only one reason people get so angy they can't hold back from saying hurtful things. People get angry when they feel their own rights have been abused. If you think back to every one of those words that brought tears to your eyes, you will realize that the person was angry and he was angry because he felt you had crossed over his rights. Food for thought.

CLASS STANDING

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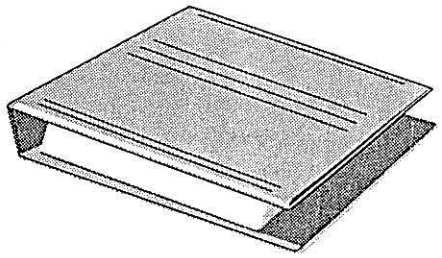

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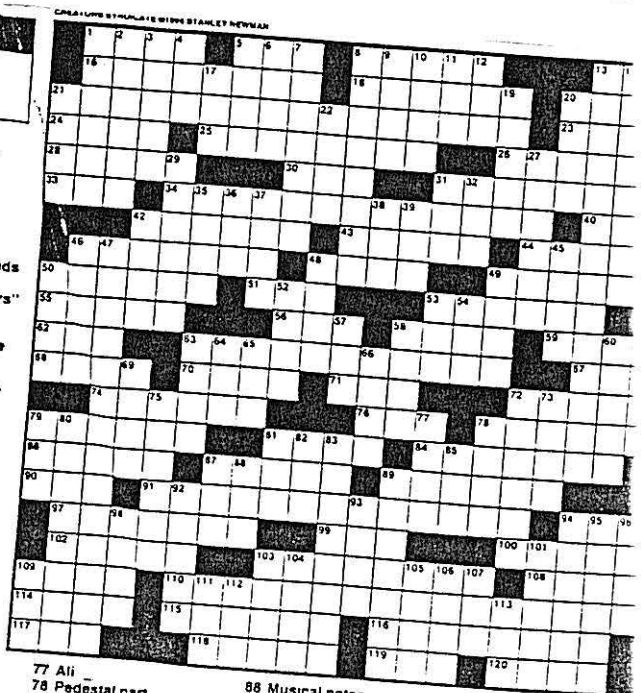

ACROSS

1 Like *so*: Abbr.
5 Campaign name of '36
8 Addis __
13 Back
16 Key stimulus
18 Kiribati's capital
20 War god
21 MENU ITEM
23 '60s sneakers
24 Lay low
25 Rates of progress
26 Say what you think
28 Harden (to)
30 Calendar abbr.
31 Put up the money for
33 Egyptian symbol of power
34 MENU ITEM
40 __ *Pinafore*
42 Carved slabs
43 Upper crust
44 Mantillas
46 Chooses
48 Churchill successor
49 Caesar and Waldorf
50 Red Cross visitors
51 __-la-la
53 Pleased looks
55 *Picnic* playwright's family
56 Tide rival
58 Perused
59 Normandy town
62 Part of USC
63 MENU ITEM
67 New Deal agcy.
68 Lake Indian
70 Bombard
71 Chit relative
72 Athens attractions
74 Note-taker
76 Igor's workplace
78 Best
79 British choreographer
81 Chess finale
84 Bewildered
86 *Vapor*: Greek
87 San Antonio landmark
89 Withstands
90 Indonesian island group
91 MENU ITEM
94 Carouse (about)
97 Exertions
99 Family member
100 Cape Cod town
102 "... with __ in his ear": Middleton
103 Secured, as hatches
108 __ *Well That ...*
109 *Grapes of Wrath* character
110 MENU ITEM
114 Show flexibility
115 Posture
116 Colorful cats
117 Psychic energizers
118 Passion
119 Palindrome center
120 Next word of 108 Across

DOWN

1 Golfer Hale et al.
2 Readied a drive
3 Birch
4 Souvenir garland
5 County in 105 Down
6 Golfer Tony
7 Actor Prinze
8 Like some strings
9 Term of endearment
10 River in Turkey
11 French dance
12 Leather puncher
13 MENU ITEM
14 Cashed in
15 CIA predecessor
17 Bat wood
19 In unison
20 Related (to)
21 National park?
22 Captivates
27 *Pensées* author
29 Fragrant compounds
31 Tantrum
32 "__ Got Five Dollars" (Rodgers & Hart tune)
35 Iron-pumper's pride
36 PC key
37 Thomas or Condé
38 "__ Buttermilk Sky"
39 Writer Yutang
41 Draft org.
42 __ gin fizz
45 Pub pulls
46 Sub detector
47 MENU ITEM
48 Crib contents
49 Support, with "with"
50 Car hanging
52 Remainder
53 Bishopric
54 Barker and Kettle
57 Do something
58 Singer McEntire
60 Horne and Olin
61 Hops kiln
63 Tizzy
64 Fly snare
65 __ du Diable
66 *Gilligan's Island* skipper
69 Word form meaning "outer"
72 Show mercy
73 *X-Files* subjects
75 Edward __ Murrow
77 Ali __
78 Pedestal part
79 Motorists' grp.
80 Went like lightning
81 *Cracked* competitor
82 "What a good boy __"
83 More comfortably warm
85 Spasm
87 Hill dweller
88 Musical notes
89 Student stat
92 Fine mounts
93 Silents star Naldi
94 Swigged
95 Disraeli portrayer
96 Aspirin amount
98 Ran away
101 Literature Nobelist Juan __ Jimenez
103 LP division
104 Chevron rival
105 Va. neighbor
106 Perry's creator
107 "*Agnus* __"
109 Kimono closer
111 __ glance (briefly)
112 Assorted: Abbr.
113 Rickenbacker, for one